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SUBJECT: DEMINERALIZATION PROJECT EVALUATION ASSISTANCE

IN RESPONSE TO JIDDA 3251, PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO TAHER
OBAID.

1. THIS MESSAGE REPEATS SOME OF INFORMATION MAILED TO
OBAID BY O'MEARA ON MAY 6.

A. OUR REVIEW OF THE EVALUATION REPORT INDICATES THAT
THE EXCEPTION TAKEN BY THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER, DEGRE-
MONT, TO THE TENDER DOCUMENTS ON ALTERNATIVE 1, SHOULD
BE TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE AND THUS WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS AS WRITTEN.

B. NEARLY 300 REVERSE OSMOSIS DESALTING PLANTS OF 25,000
GPD OR LARGER ALREADY ARE IN OPERATION, MANY OF WHICH ARE
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OPERATING ON WATERS MORE DIFFICULT TO TREAT THAN THE FEED
WATER AT RIYADH. IF IT IS THE POLICY OF THE SAG TO
PROVIDE QUALITY WATER FOR RIYADH, THEN SAG WOULD BE WELL
ADVISED TO PROCEED WITH PLAN TO UTILIZE REVERSE OSMOSIS.

C. USG IS DEFINITELY PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT 100 MILLION GPD PLANT ON THE COLORADO RIVER. INITIAL FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT ALREADY HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED BY U.S. CONGRESS. FEED WATER FOR THIS PLANT WILL BE ABOUT 3200 PPM. CURRENT PLAN IS TO UTILIZE LIME-SODA SOFTENING IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIGH RECOVERY. NO DELAYS ARE ANTICIPATED FOR TECHNICAL OR FINANCIAL REASONS. IT IS THE WORKLOAD OUR TECHNICAL STAFF MUST UNDERTAKE TO KEEP THIS PROJECT ON SCHEDULE THAT PREVENTED US FROM CONDUCTING AN INTENSIVE EVALUATION OF TENDER SPECS AND WRITING A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IN TIME FRAME REQUESTED BY OBAID.

2. IN VIEW OF COMMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTTEL, WE PREPARED RETURN VIA POUCH TENDER SPECS AND DOCUMENTS AS SOON AS WE GET WORD FROM EMBASSY.

3. FOR EMBASSY: REGRET WE CANNOT PROVIDE OBAID A MORE COMPLETE REPORT AS PER YOUR REQUEST, BUT THIS WOULD BE A SIZEABLE UNDERTAKING THAT WE PRESENTLY ARE NOT STAFFED TO PROVIDE IN ALLOTTED TIME. OBAID HAS ONLY UNTIL MAY 15 TO REACH DECISION BEFORE PRESENT OFFERS EXPIRE UNLESS HE IS ABLE TO OBTAIN ANOTHER EXTENSION FROM BIDDERS. KISSINGER

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